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AMENDMENT "A" and RESPONSE under 37 CFR 1.111**MAIL STOP FEE Amendment**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 2, 2003 (Paper No. 14), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below.

**AMENDMENT**In the Specification

On Page 21, please substitute for the paragraph of lines 11-18, the following:

-- The OUMS-29 strain as obtained in Example 1 below has been deposited under the Budapest Treaty and assigned accession number FERM BP-6328 at the National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (NIBH) 1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi Ibaraki-ken 305-8566 JAPAN since April 21, 1998, and under accession number IFO 50487 at the Institute for Fermentation, Osaka, Foundation (IFO) since April 21, 1998. --